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AFP photo shows US Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Florida, talking to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the closed members-only security briefing on Syria, yesterday. Ros-Lehtinen says she thinks the President did the right thing by asking for Congressional approval, but she wants to see approval from the American people and the support of our allies. President Obama has postponed threatened missile strikes against Syria in a risky gamble that he can win more support for his plan to punish Bashar al-Assad's regime. This effectively pushed military action back until at least Sept. 9, when US lawmakers return from their summer recess.

Arabs urge UN, world to take 'deterrent' steps on Syria

CAIRO (AFP) - Arab League foreign ministers yesterday urged the United Nations and the international community to take "deterrent" action against the Syrian regime over alleged chemical attacks near Damascus.

But they fell short of calling for military strikes as proposed by the United States, amid divisions in Arab ranks with several countries opposed to foreign intervention in Syria.

"The United Nations and the international community are called upon to assume their responsibilities in line with the UN Charter and international law by taking the necessary deterrent measures" following the August 21 suspected chemical attacks, they said.

The ministers, meeting in Cairo, said the Syrian regime was "responsible" for the attacks which the United States says killed hundreds of people with the use of sarin gas.

US President Barack Obama said he will seek congressional approval to launch a punitive strike on the regime in Damascus over last month's attacks in suburbs of the Syrian capital.

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Monday nights in Aruba are getting a makeover

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This fall, Aruba's bars, restaurants and night-clubs want you to come out with your friends to experience Little White Dress Night.

But what exactly to wear?

Summertime and your favorite white outfits may be so last season back home, but it's always sunny on the One happy island. White is more in than ever in Aruba, so don't stow away those white skirts, shorts, pants, blouses, t-shirts or DRESSES just yet.

Starting today, Sept. 2 and continuing every Monday, ladies and gents of all ages will experience a whole new side to Aruba's lively nightlife. Dress in white and take advantage of special deals and offers at participating establishments island-wide.

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You are most welcome to visit the exposition which is held as of September 2nd till the end of October between 8.00 a.m. – 11.45 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Entrance is free of charge. You can also call 592-2227 to make an appointment or to reserve a visit for groups or schools.

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Palm Beach Plaza Mall new majestic carnival season is ON

The Aruba Carnival is a thrilling show of over-the-top pageantry, produced by thousands and delighting and uniting the entire country. Here's the scoop on how it began.

Carnival was born in 1954, as a series of small street festivals. The Tivoli Club, Aruba's oldest private social club, was the first to have a pre-Lenten celebration in Oranjestad in February 1944. The Allied victory of World War II was commemorated by an Aruba Festival - a large parade in San Nicolas comprised largely of Caribbean-English immigrants who came to Aruba to work at the Lago Oil Refinery. The first steel and brass bands debuted a few years later and small parades sprouted here and there.

Today Palm Beach Plaza Mall will have a great Carnival Show where you can experience for yourself the taste of Aruba's Carnival culture with the opportunity to take pictures with the majestic carnival dancers with carnival costumes. Come and enjoy the show!

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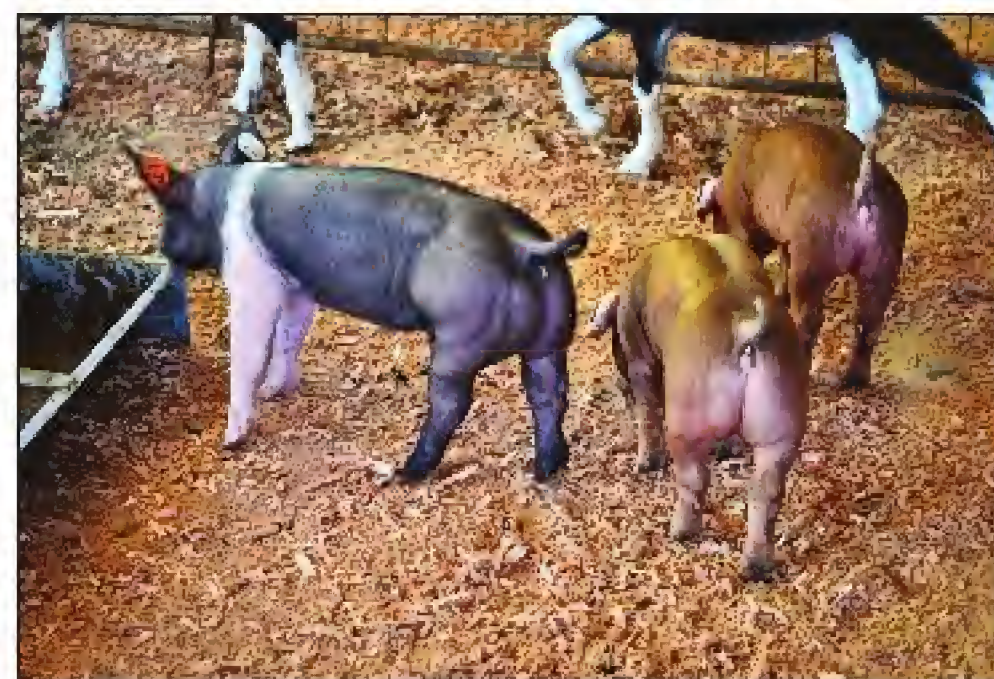
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Santa Rosa acquires 42 animals from the USA



During the past week our Department of Agriculture, Fauna, Live Stock and Fishery (Santa Rosa) received a fleet of 42 animals from the USA. The government's vision has been to amplify the services offered by this department and to offer more products to the public. The initiative for incorporating cows in the lineup of animals at Santa Rosa has been a project that the government and Santa Rosa have been working on for the past two years. There are already several cows, as male breeds in the inventory at Santa Rosa; the intention was to create the possibility for amplifying this product in Aruba particularly for the production of milk.

Santa Rosa approached an institution in Holland for advice on this matter. Their proposition to the government

gave the government the courage to invest in this project and to order animals from the USA. Because of an existing law it is impossible to import these animals from Latin America. There are intentions to change this law in the future, according to Minister Otmar Oduber.

Santa Rosa is also providing the service of a breeding place for various types of animals to support our live stock farmers.

The government has indicated that one of the plans for Santa Rosa is the expansion of their green houses where the 10 thousand fruit trees of the special project will be housed. The Minister also reported on the store to sell Santa Rosa products.

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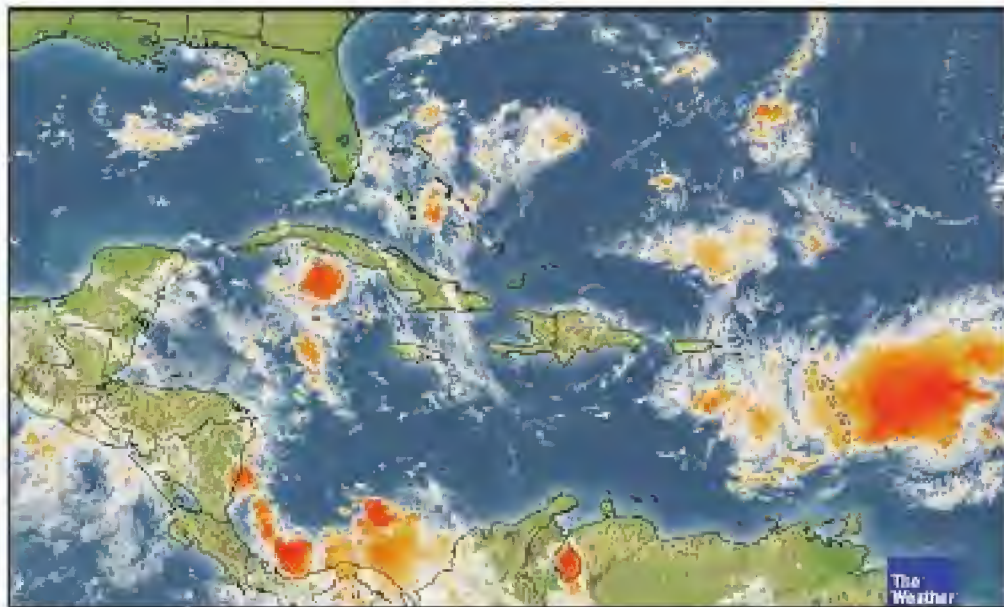
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Atlantic Tropical Wave moving into the Caribbean



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Cast of Chilean TV show "Buscando America" visits Aruba



Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority hosted the cast of Chilean TV show 'Buscando America.' They came here on a familiarization trip. 'Buscando America' is a weekly program portraying different places and cultures of the Americas produced by Mr. Marcelo Alvarez.

The fam trip was coordinated by Aruba Tourism Authority rep. Jasmin Maduro. The visitors became well acquainted with Aruba and its various activities, which they intend to use to promote the island. The crew toured with ABC Tours and enjoyed a catamaran trip, courtesy of De Palm Tours. They also visited our famous Natural Pool and De Palm Island. Other activities included parasailing and bumper tour, courtesy of Island Water Sport and a visit to the famous Arikok National Park. They explored Aruba many beaches such as Baby Beach, Roger's Beach, Eagle Beach, Boca Prins, Black Stone Beach, Palm Beach, Druif Beach, Wariruri and Fisherman Huts.

The crew taped at the weekly Bonbini Festival, to provide their viewers with a taste of island culture.

Aruba Tourism Authority expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all those who, in one or another, helped make this fam trip successful, especially The Mill Resort, which hosted the Chilean group.





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In the next 4 years there is a plan for the government to introduce for Santa Rosa a special fiscal incentive for those practicing agriculture, livestock farming and fishery. They will be exempt from paying import duty for products imported for their profession. Obviously, these persons will have to register their business at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry so they can benefit from the implementation of a Tax Holiday.

However, many of our

farmers are reluctant to register their business for fear of getting a tax levy at the end of the year. But, if they don't register they will forfeit the opportunity for receiving the benefits available to them. The Minister, Santa Rosa and the government, by increasing local production and on reducing the price on cistern water and competing with products imported from abroad, can create an attractive incentive during the year ahead of us.

Kozlov Dance Academy welcomes all ages for classic ballet training

Aruba is fortunate to have one of the world's great ballet stars, Leonid Kozlov, as a permanent resident of the island. The former principal dancer of the Bolshoi Ballet, who defected to the West in 1979 to star in the New York City Ballet under George Balanchine, and other companies around the world, has settled on Aruba with his wife, prima ballerina Adriana, and opened a dance academy specializing in Classical Ballet in the Russian tradition.

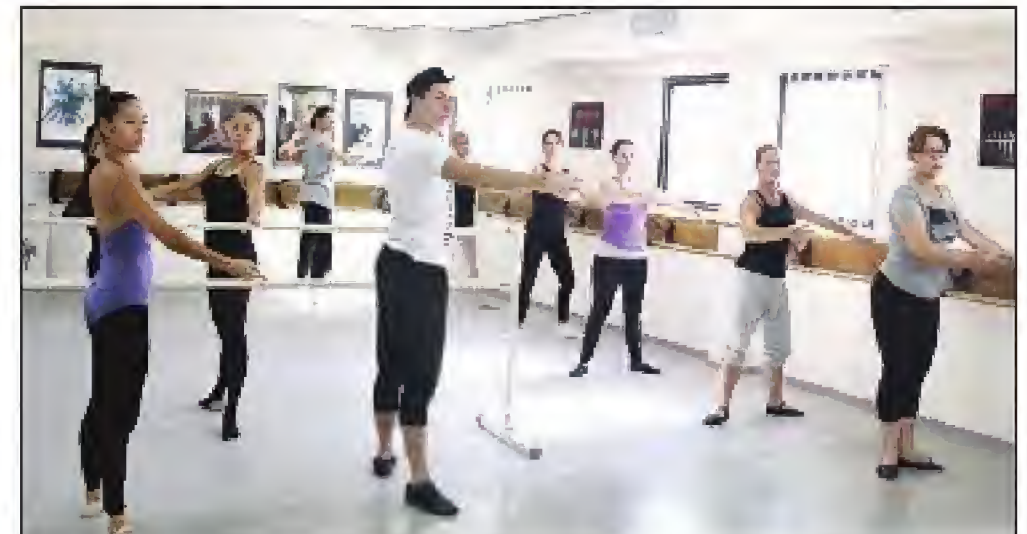
A long time visitor to the island, Mr. Kozlov and Adriana purchased a home here in 2007, and has been staging special productions annually since then. They have provided opportunities for island dancers to perform on the same stage with celebrities of the dance world such as Christine Dakin, a cornerstone of the Martha Graham Dance Studio and Kiril Kulish, fresh from his Tony win as Billy Elliott on Broadway.

After an introductory week of free classes, Aruba's first dance studio dedicated to the classic Russian style of ballet began classes for all ages last week. Adriana works primarily with the younger children and also conducts a special dance/exercise class for adults on Saturday mornings. THE MORNING NEWS captured the world-famous dancer enjoying some time with the children of the class members, while Adriana put them through a workout that not only provided stretching and cardio, but also encourages excellent posture and grace of movement.

Mr. Kozlov specifically works with more advanced students, and instructs in



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Pointe, though he professes he particularly enjoys interacting with the young novice dancers and seeing how eager they are to learn something new. He and Adriana will split up the classes when they get more than their limit, which they like to keep to 12 students. Classes usually taught by Adriana are divided into ages 4 and 5 years and 6 to 8 years. Both of the Kozlovs work with the students from 9 to 11 years depending on their level of expertise, and Mr. Kozlov takes over the more stringent training of students 12 years and up.

Rosalie Klein



Mr. Kozlov enjoys watching the kids during class

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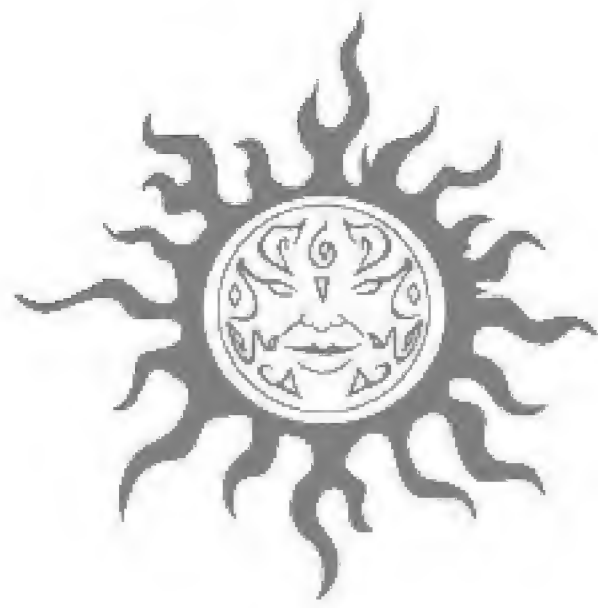
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State Department, PortMiami to cooperate on Caribbean security issues

MIAMI -- As enforcement pressures increase against drug traffickers in Mexico and Central America, a top U.S. State Department official said that it is logical criminals will try to resurrect old drug routes through the Caribbean and regional governments should begin to prepare.

As part of that effort, the U.S. State Department signed a partnership agreement with PortMiami last Wednesday designed to help enhance port security in the Caribbean and improve future cooperation with other ports in the region.

Although State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) has signed more than 60 such partnerships with state,

county and local entities in the past few years, the Miami agreement is the first inked with a port authority.

Assistant Secretary of State for international narcotics and law enforcement affairs, William R. Brownfield, said his goal is to build such partnerships and relationships now, so that as "the inevitable laws of market economics" come into play in 2014 to 2016 with traffickers seeking the paths of least resistance, "we're not caught with our pants down."

The Caribbean drug trafficking routes of the 1970s and 1980s are "gray-haired in some respects" but "they are still around and will begin to look more attractive" to traffickers as law enforcement puts more

of a squeeze on Central American routes, he said.

Under the arrangement, PortMiami, a hub for Latin and Caribbean travel and trade, would provide training and mentoring on anti-crime and port security matters to its counterparts in the Caribbean.

The specifics of the assistance are still subject to negotiation and costs for the program will be covered by the INL. But in broad brush strokes, the partnership would give ports in the Caribbean access to the technology, experience and personnel at Port Miami.

Among the things Brownfield said Miami can share with its counterparts is its expertise in cargo container inspection and control programs.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arabs urge UN, world to take 'deterrent' steps on Syria

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UN chemical weapons inspectors have carried out a probe in the suspected sites and collected samples which will be sent to European laboratories from today.

The UN experts, who probed Syria's chemical weapon attack, reached the Netherlands on Saturday.

The UN has refused to announce its timeline for finishing the analysis.

"We have learned through samples that were provided to the United States and that have now been tested from first responders in East Damascus, (that) hair samples and blood samples have tested positive for signatures of sarin," US Secretary of State John Kerry said yesterday.

The Arab foreign ministers said those responsible for unleashing the poison gas in

Syria must be tried before an international court "like other war criminals."

They also called for "all forms of support needed by the Syrian people" but without explicitly calling for military strikes as proposed by the United States and France.

In Damascus, President Bashar al-Assad insisted yesterday that Syria will face down any military action, as Damascus residents mocked his US counterpart Barack Obama whose administration stepped up charges the regime used sarin gas.

"Syria... is capable of facing up to any external aggression just as it faces up to internal aggression every day, in the form of terrorist groups and those that support them," SANA news agency quoted him as saying.



TOKYO -- A woman displays a placard to protest against the start of Japan's annual dolphin hunt in Tokyo on August 31, 2013. The rally organiser, Action for Marine Mammals, said it was one a number of demonstrations taking place around the world this weekend ahead of the season's hunt in the Japanese fishing village of Taiji. (AFP PHOTO)



A policeman stands guard in front of a building damaged after heavy rains hit Taiwan's northern city of Keelung on September 1, 2013. Tropical Storm Kong-Rey pounded Taiwan, leading to widespread flooding in the south that left three people dead and caused more than 11 million USD in agricultural damage, the government said. (AFP PHOTO)



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Mandela leaves hospital for intensive care at home

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Anti-apartheid hero Nelson Mandela was discharged from hospital yesterday, but remains critically ill and will receive intensive care at his home, the South African government said.

The 95-year-old had been in hospital for almost three months, receiving treatment for a respiratory illness.

The presidency said in a statement that he "remains critical and is at times unstable" and will be looked after by the same team of intensive care doctors at his Johannesburg home.

"If there are health conditions that warrant another admission to hospital in future, this will be done," the presidency said.

Mandela's family expressed joy at his return.

"It is a day of celebration for us that he is finally back home with us," said grandson Mandla Mandela, thanking South Africans and people around the world for their out-

pouring of support.

The ruling African National Congress (ANC) expressed faith in the medical team treating Mandela, saying they believe that "receiving treatment at home will afford him continuous support from his family and loved ones."

For 86 days South Africans have scrutinised every update about the health of their first black president, whether he was living or dying with each sign of progress or each setback.

Separated by deep racial and economic divisions, millions have united in praying for a speedy recovery of a man who for many embodies the best their nation can be.

Yosemite blaze fourth largest in Ca. history

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - US firefighters battling a blaze that has ripped through a stretch of Yosemite National Park made painstaking progress yesterday as the in-

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Francis has called for the world to unite this Saturday in a day of fasting and prayer for Syria and said "God and history" would judge anyone using chemical weapons.

"May the cry for peace enter the hearts of everyone," the pope told tens of thousands of pilgrims at his traditional weekly blessing in the Vatican yesterday.

"I condemn with particular force the use of chemical weapons. I still have in my mind and heart the terrible images of the past days," he said.

"There is judgment from God and history on our actions that no one can escape," he said, in his first explicit reference to the chemical arms claims.

He urged the international community to make "every effort" to begin a process of dialogue in Syria.

The pope said he would lead the prayers with a five-hour vigil in St Peter's Square on Saturday, just two days before the US Congress meets to debate possible strikes by the United States on Syria.

The relatively rare call for a global day of fasting and prayer was similar to one made by late Pope John Paul II following the September 11 attacks in 2001, Vatican expert Luigi Accattoli told AFP.

Although he did not apportion blame for the alleged chemical attack, the pope's reference to divine judgment was also similar to John Paul II's call for members of the

Italian mafia to confess their crimes and repent, Accattoli said.

His exhortation "Never again to war!" echoed a famous speech made by another of his predecessors, Paul VI, at the United Nations during the Vietnam War.

The pope's call came as the United States, France and other countries were making plans for a limited armed response against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime over its alleged use of chemical weapons.

The Vatican has repeatedly pushed for a negotiated solution to the conflict and has already criticised plans by global powers for an armed intervention.

It has been more cautious, however, than some Christian leaders in Syria and the region who have openly defended the current Syrian government seeing it as a guarantor of a multi-religious state.

Christian minorities are concerned about the rise of radical Islam in the region and point to the example of Iraq, where there has been an exodus of Christians faced with violence and discrimination.



MILWAUKEE - AFP photo shows motorcycle enthusiasts gathering in a parking lot at Miller Park before riding in a parade through downtown to celebrate Harley-Davidson's 110th anniversary on August 31, 2013 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. More than 100,000 people from around the world visited Milwaukee over the weekend to celebrate the anniversary.

ferno was deemed the fourth largest in California's history.

The mammoth "Rim Fire" that erupted on August 17 has scorched hundreds of thousands of acres of tinder dry forest and brush, including a sizeable chunk of the world famous park visited by millions every year.

On Saturday, officials issued air quality warnings to visitors in the park's famed Yosemite Valley after smoke from the fire shrouded the area.

In figures released by the multi-agency Inciweb information site yesterday, officials

said the blaze was 40 percent contained, up from 35 percent a day earlier.

The fire has burned some 222,777 acres, and continues to threaten 4,500 structures across the region. So far, 11 homes have been destroyed along with 97 outbuildings.

The cause of the fire is not known.

The largest in California history remains the 2003 Cedar fire in San Diego County, which destroyed 2,820 buildings and left 14 people dead after ripping through 273,246 acres of land.



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Renaissance Convention Center unveils their "Christmas Gems" holiday theme

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Convention Center introduced the special theme such events, titled "Christmas Gems." They unveiled their various motifs and the various choices for a fabulous holiday buffet, providing a festive end of the August for party planners from numerous companies around Aruba.

During the presentation, guests were immersed in the luxurious Christmas experience they can arrange for



their colleagues. Keeping in mind that every customer has its own taste, Renaissance has compiled a series of

menus they are sure will satisfy varying tastes and budget requirements.

During the sampling the buffets segments were created so every guest can create/choose their own dishes. In keeping with this year's

theme the menu choices are Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond, with tasty treats, particularly desserts, and decorations in keeping with each motif. Every menu offered its own variety of bread, soups, salads, dessert station and a wide-ranging list of beverages. Of course, their famous carving stations were ready to dish out prime rib, holiday ham and tender, freshly carved turkey with traditional fixings.

The fabulous décor for this special theme was created and executed by the professional catering team of Renaissance Convention Center together with Mrs. Edwina Werleman. They advise that many extra options, such as a photography station and a visit from Santa himself, are easily arranged.

Holiday events can be arranged for a breakfast, lunch or dinner gala in the Convention Center Ballroom, for groups of fifty or more. Special packages and prices are available; each customer can choose the package that "fits" their company or work group. Reservations can be



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TECH-SCI

Microsoft joins Google in US spying suit

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Microsoft this past weekend said that a battle to shed light on secret US government requests for Internet user data would play out in court after failed peace talks.

Microsoft and Google filed suits in federal court in June, arguing a right to make public more information about user data requests made under the auspices of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

The technology titans agreed six times to extend the deadline for the government to respond to the lawsuits, allowing time for negotiations that "ended in failure," Microsoft general counsel Brad Smith said in a blog post.

"To followers of technology issues, there are many days when Microsoft and Google stand apart," Smith said.

"But today our two companies stand together... We believe we have a clear right under the US Constitution to share more information with the public."

Silicon Valley Internet titans want to be able to provide

users with better insight into what information the government gets its hands on.

The issue caught fire after

Edward Snowden, a former IT contractor at the National Security Agency (NSA), revealed

that US authorities were tapping into Internet user data, sometimes using national se-

curity letters that bar companies from telling anyone about the requests.

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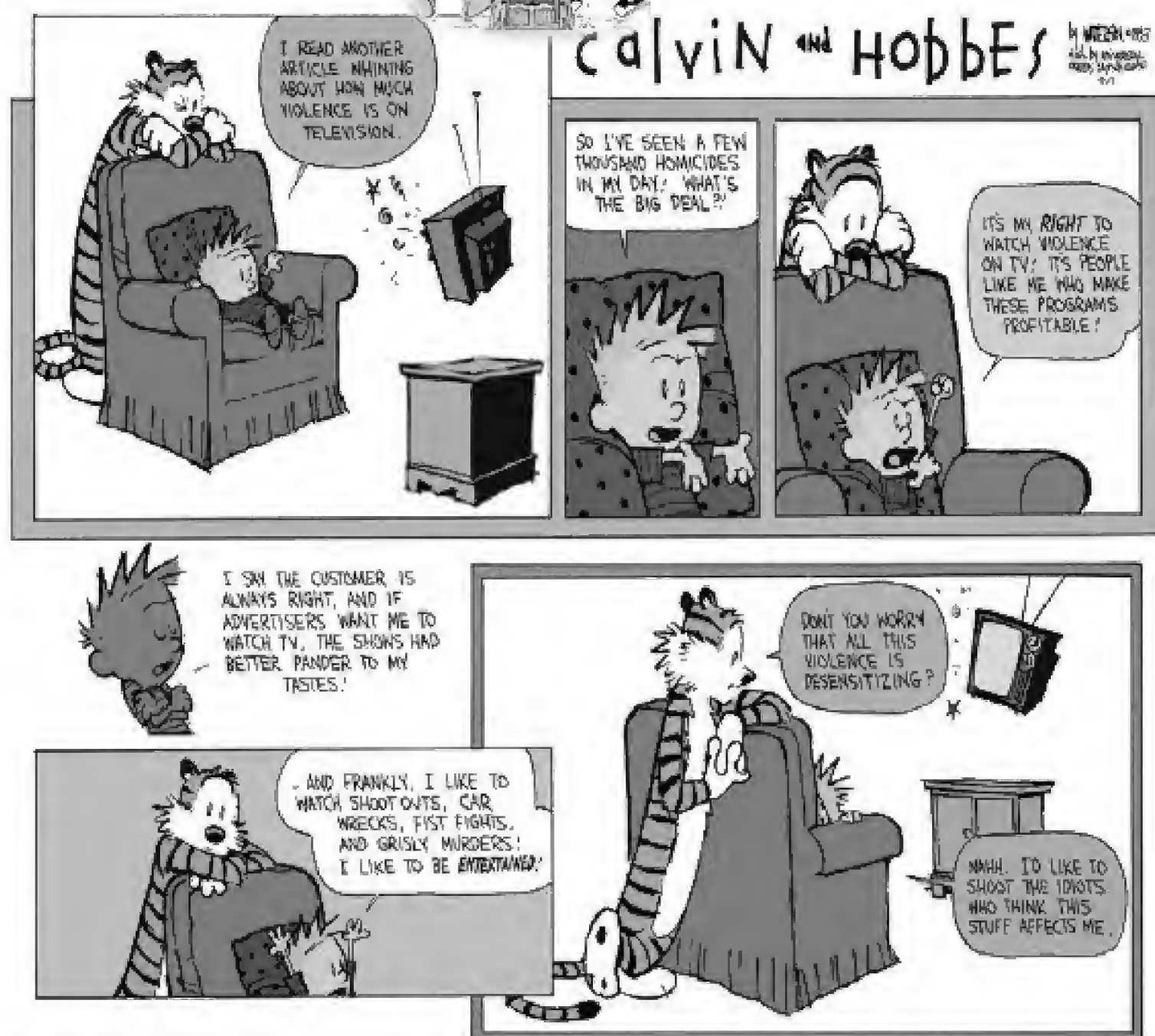
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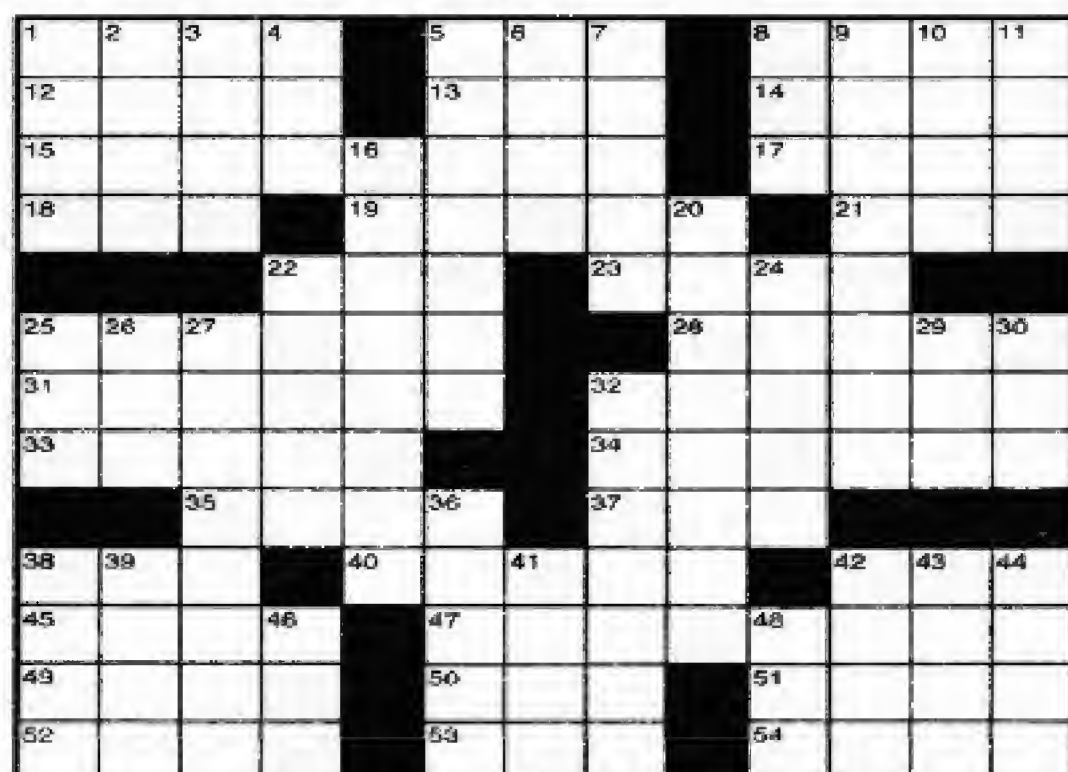
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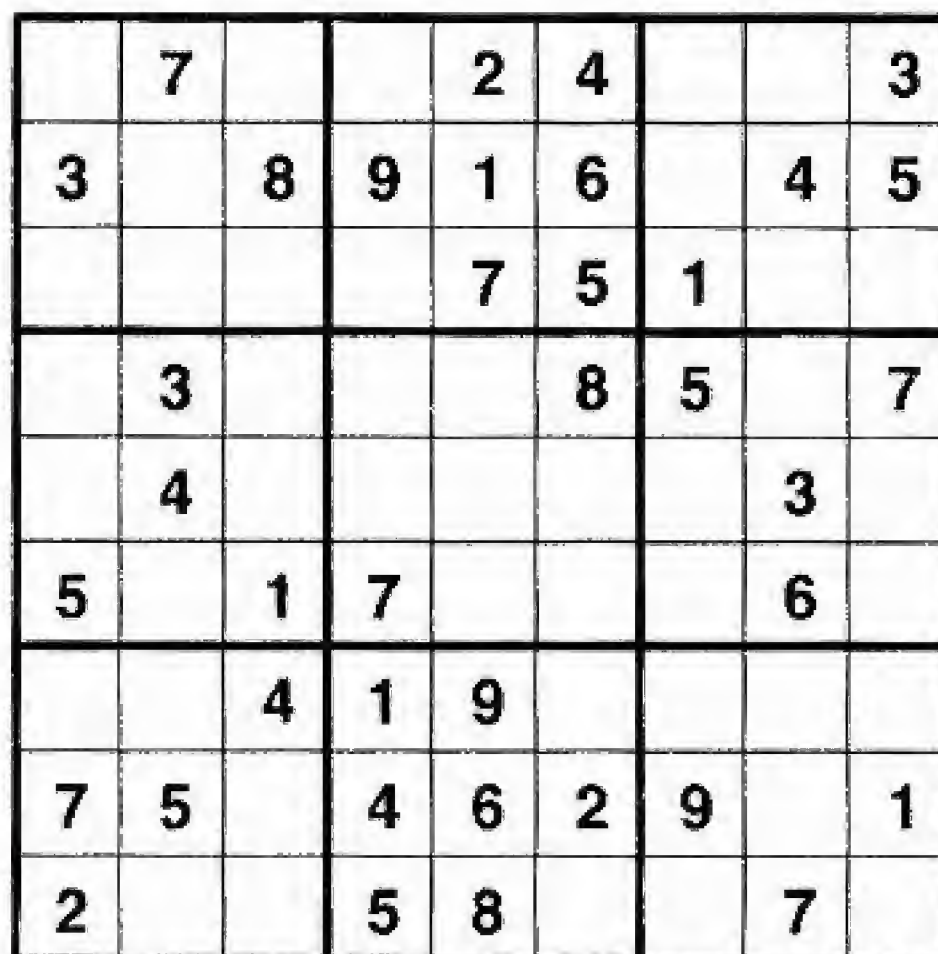
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FINANCE

China data shows economy gathering momentum

BEIJING (AFP) - China's manufacturing activity strengthened in August to its highest level in 16 months, official figures showed yesterday, the latest data to suggest the world's second-largest economy is picking up steam after two quarters of slower growth.

The official purchasing managers' index (PMI) rose to 51.0 last month from 50.3 in July, according to figures released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

The index tracks manufacturing activity in China's factories and workshops and is a closely watched gauge of the health of the economy. A reading below 50 indicates contraction, while anything above signals expansion.

The August PMI was the best since a reading of 53.3 in April last year, according to previous results.

It also marked the second straight month of strengthening and comes as other recent data has spurred optimism a slowdown in the economy may have been stemmed.

In July, generally upbeat economic data, including a jump in industrial production to a five-month high, helped spur optimism that China's economic weakness may have hit bottom.

British banking giant HSBC said last month that the initial reading of its PMI survey for August came in at 50.1, rebounding from an 11-month low and the first time since April the indicator had expanded.

The first half of this year saw a spike in analyst concerns about China's economy after an expected rebound from the worst growth performance in 13 years failed to materialise.



GUADALAJARA -- A container with bottles of tequila being exported from Mexico to China, is seen parked outside the building of the Tequila Regulatory Council, in Guadalajara, Jalisco state, Mexico. Mexico is exporting to China, for the first time, 100 percent traditional and pure tequila, thanks to a modification on the Chinese regulations and to a new trade agreement between both countries. (AFP PHOTO)



OAKLAND - AFP photo shows a worker monitoring an operation to dismantle a section of the old eastern span of the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge in preparation of the opening of the new eastern span of the bridge in Oakland, California. After nearly 12 years of construction and an estimated price tag of \$6.4 billion, workers are making final repairs to the new eastern span of the Bay Bridge which is set to open on September 3. The bridge will be the world's tallest Self-Anchored Suspension (SAS) tower once completed.

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Bolivia, Dutch government reach lithium battery plant deal

LA PAZ -- The Bolivian and Dutch governments have reached agreement on the future installation of a lithium battery plant in the Andean nation and technology and knowledge transfers in that industry.

The accord was finalized in La Paz with the signing of a letter of intent last week between Prince Jaime Bernardo of Bourbon-Parma, who works in the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Bolivian Foreign Minister David Choquehuanca.

The "framework agreement" establishes bilateral cooperation in three areas and includes the delivery of a "master plan" for the future installation of a lithium-battery plant in the South American country, Bolivian state-owned mining company Comibol's manager of evaporite resources, Luis Alberto

Echazu, told the media.

The letter of intent also refers to the creation of scientific research labs and four-year training programs for Bolivian professionals at the Netherlands' Delft University of Technology.

Bolivia's largest lithium reserve is Salar de Uyuni, a dried-up salt lake in the southwestern province of Potosi, which borders Chile and Argentina. The world's largest salt flat, the Salar spans more than 10,000 sq. kilometers (3,861 sq. miles).

President Evo Morales' government has set up a semi-industrial plant there to produce potassium chloride and another pilot plant to make 40 tons per month of lithium carbonate, the main component of the rechargeable, lithium-ion batteries that power electronic devices such as laptop computers and cellphones, as

well as electric vehicles.

Bolivian authorities have rejected various proposals for developing Uyuni's lithium reserves submitted by would-be foreign partners, arguing that none of them has offered to "industrialize" the metal on Bolivian soil.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy

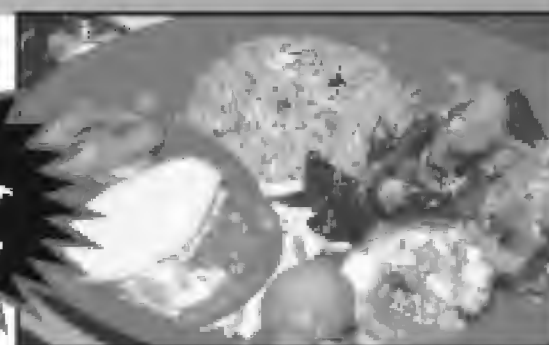
siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess.

The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

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"Harry Potter" fans stampede for Radcliffe in Venice

VENICE (AFP) - The Venice film festival descended briefly into chaos Sunday as screaming "Harry Potter" fans stampeded across the seafront after British star Daniel Radcliffe, in town to present his new film.

Radcliffe, who rose to fame playing the child wizard, was surrounded by bodyguards and police, but that did not stop some admirers pushing their way into the bathroom with him during a press conference break.

The 24-year-old shrugged off suggestions that the clamour of hyperventilating teenagers on Venice's picturesque Lido island was intimidating.

"Thankfully, it's not always like this," he told the press conference, as a crowd outside thumped on the walls and rattled the windows trying to get in.

"I've been dealing with it in various ways since I was 11. I don't take it seriously, actually I think it's funny,"



said a smiling Radcliffe, sporting a blue polo shirt, rainbow-coloured socks and pastel pink sneakers.

The actor -- with his parents in tow -- may be an A-lister, but he still has a schoolboy air, and rather than the usual cocktail soiree held

to honour Venice stars, he has requested a Karaoke party.

Radcliffe was in Venice to present "Kill Your Darlings", a Beat Generation film by John Chokidars, in which he plays a young Allen Ginsberg.

He said he thought fans would enjoy the flick, which explores themes from drug use to homosexuality.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the swirl of support behind me. My fans seem excited by the unconventional path I am taking," he said.

"I love poetry and it was fantastic to get the part and have the opportunity to dive into Ginsberg's life. The diaries he made when he was young gave me an amazing insight into his character," he said.

For fans of "A Young Doctor's Notebook", a television series starring Radcliffe as a doctor forced take up a post in a small, remote hospital in Russia, the actor promised "series two is funnier and even darker."

One Direction top North American box office



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - British boy band One Direction stormed to the top of the North American box-office charts this weekend, estimated figures showed Sunday.

"One Direction: This Is Us", directed by American documentary film-maker Morgan Spurlock, best known for his 2004 fast-food expose "Super Size Me", earned \$17 million on its debut weekend.

The concert documentary film has generated lukewarm reviews in the United States but with an estimated budget of around \$10 million is likely to deliver a hugely profitable box-office hit for Sony.

The film deposed "The Butler" from the top spot, the civil rights epic based on the real-life story of an African-American butler working at

the White House which is being tipped as an early contender for Oscars success.

The Lee Daniels movie, starring Forest

Whitaker in the title role and Oprah Winfrey as his wife, earned another \$14.7 million, taking its three week tally to \$74 million.

In third place was raunchy adult comedy "We're the Millers," about a bogus family of drug smugglers including Jennifer Aniston as a stripper, earning \$12.6 million in theaters.

Fourth spot was claimed by Disney's animated film "Planes", a spin-off from Pixar's "Cars" franchise which took \$7.7 million.

In fifth place was the comedy-drama "Instructions Not Included", Eugenio Derbez's movie about a Mexican playboy who is suddenly presented with the child from a previous liaison and forced to become a father. The movie took \$7.5 million.

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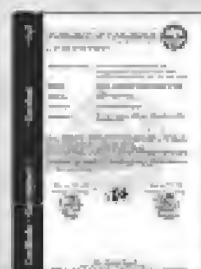
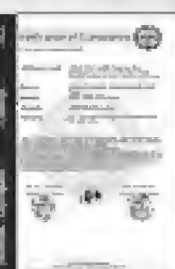
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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We

were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer cus-

tom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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US swimmer Nyad, 64, forges on with Cuba-Florida crossing



MIAMI (AFP) - Legendary US distance swimmer Diana Nyad forged ahead Sunday with her quest to become the first person to cross from Cuba to Florida with no shark cage.

In a display of endurance and spirit, the 64-year-old actually increased her speed after more than 24 hours in the water, her team said.

"Diana has swum 47.61 statute miles after 27 hours of swimming. Her average speed has increased to 1.76 miles per hour," her navigator John Bartlett said at 1600 GMT.

"She is swimming strong and riding the swells which are 3 to 5 feet out of the east behind her," he said in a posting on Nyad's website.

"She is getting a little favorable push from the current right now."

Nyad set off from Cuba Saturday in her fifth and final bid to swim across the perilous Florida Straits without the protection of a shark cage, hoping to make the roughly 170 kilometer (106 mile) trek in 80 hours.

She has this would be the "last time" she would attempt to make her decades-old dream come true.

Last August, Nyad broke off her fourth bid to cross the stretch after battling lightning

storms and swarms of jellyfish for more than two days.

Her first attempt was in 1978, when she was 28.

Nyad set an open sea record for both men and women by swimming from the Bahamas to the Florida Keys in 1979 -- a journey that is the about the same distance as the Cuba-Florida swim, but which she has described as far less dangerous.

At a news conference Friday, the veteran swimmer expressed confidence that she would persevere this time around.

Not only was she hopeful that the weather and currents in the Gulf of Mexico would be better, she noted that she had a full-body suit -- including a mouth guard, gloves and shoes -- to protect herself from jelly fish.

She added that her dream of 35 years also sought to bring communist Cuba and the United States -- which have been at odds for decades -- closer together.

Nyad is accompanied by a 36-member team and several yachts and kayaks.

Australian Susan Maroney is the first and only person who has managed to swim across the Florida Straits. Protected by a shark cage, she did so in 1997 when she was 22.

Messi hat-trick keeps Barca on top

MADRID (AFP) - A first-half hat-trick by Lionel Messi ensured Barcelona maintained their 100% start to the La Liga season with a thrilling 3-2 win over Valencia as Real Madrid also made it three wins from three games on Sunday. Messi had looked far from his best in Barca's Super Cup victory over Atletico Madrid in midweek, but looked more like his old self as he put Barca 2-0 up inside 39 minutes and was then brilliantly set up by Neymar to complete his hat-trick.

However, Valencia were amazingly back in the game by half-time as Helder Postiga struck twice in first-half stoppage time. Barca then passed up a host of chances to put the game to bed in the second-half and were nearly punished when Jonas struck the post four minutes from time.

Real Madrid bag Bale on six-year deal



MADRID (AFP) - Gareth Bale's prolonged transfer from Tottenham Hotspur to Real Madrid was finally completed for an unconfirmed world record fee on Sunday after the Spanish club officially announced the move.

"Real Madrid and Tottenham have reached an agreement for the transfer of Gareth Bale," confirmed a statement on the club's website.

"The player will be tied to the club for the next six seasons."

Widespread reports in England have suggested that the move will make Bale the world's most expensive player with Real set to pay 101 million euros (\$133.5 million, £86 million) for his services.

However, media in Spain insisted on Sunday that Real will only pay 91 million euros, three million less than Los Blancos paid for Cristiano Ronaldo back in 2009.

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Bale will be presented to the media and the club's fans this afternoon after undergoing a medical.

"I would like to thank everyone at the Club, the Chairman, Board, staff, coaches and players - and most of all the fantastic fans who I hope will understand this amazing career opportunity," Bale said in a statement on the Spurs website.

"I am not sure there is ever a good time to leave a club where I felt settled and was playing the best football of my career to date. I know many players talk of their desire to join the club of their boyhood dreams, but I can honestly say, this is my dream come true.

"Tottenham will always be in my heart and I'm sure that this season will be a successful one for them. I am now looking forward to the next exciting chapter in my life, playing football for Real

Madrid."

The Welshman was coveted by the Spanish giants following a series of amazing performances for Tottenham last season that landed him both the Premier League players and football writers' player of the year.

Bale scored 21 goals in 33 Premier League appearances, but his efforts still weren't enough to lift Spurs into the Champions League as they were edged out of fourth place by just one point by North London rivals Arsenal.

And the chance to not only play with some of the best players in the world, but also in Europe's premier club competition was a significant factor as the 24-year-old made his desire to move to Madrid clear.

The deal lands Spurs an incredible profit on a player they bought for just £7 million six years ago from Southampton.

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Serena downs Stephens to reach US Open quarters

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In the match, both apologized to each other for wind-blown ball tosses that they did not hit. And when they met at the net after match point, Williams told Stephens, "I love you so much."

Stephens said she was simply outplayed by the world's best.

"I thought I played good. I played pretty solid," Stephens

said. "The second set got away from me a little bit."

"She's number one for a reason. She played pretty well herself. She did a lot of things well. All in all, she did great. I played well. That's all you can do."

The showdown of African-American stars, the world number one and the second-highest-rated American player, came in windy conditions at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Both wore expressions of stoic, grim determination during the match.

Red-dressed Williams was thwarted on three early break points against purple-clad Stephens but finally broke through for a 4-2 lead with a forehand service winner return that prompted a quick fist pump from the top seed.

But Williams surrendered a break on a double fault in the next game and Stephens held to level the first set at 4-

4, saving a break point with a forehand winner in the process.

Williams held and then broke to win the inaugural set after 52 minutes, finding success on her third break chance in an 18-point game when Stephens swatted a forehand wide.

Stephens forced a break point in the opening game of the second set but Williams saved it with a forehand winner and went on to hold.

Williams finished off a love service third game with a winner that hit Stephens at the baseline and elicited a squeal but no further reaction.

Williams broke for a 3-1 lead when Stephens netted a baseline forehand, the defending champion yelling "Come on" and pumping her fist with delight, then held serve at love for a 4-1 advantage, broke again and ended the match by holding when Stephens netted a forehand.

Murray turns up heat as US Open sweats

NEW YORK (AFP) - Defending champion Andy Murray made light of the heavy, humid New York conditions on Sunday to breeze into the US Open last 16, where he was joined by Tomas Berdych and Stanislas Wawrinka.

Third-seeded Murray, who ended his country's 76-year wait for a Grand Slam men's champion when he won his maiden major title in New York last year, eased past Germany's world number 49 Florian Mayer, 7-6 (7/2), 6-2, 6-2.

His win was built on an impressive 42 winners and seven aces.

"I think I need to start my matches quicker than I have been doing. I am not that fast out of the blocks," said the 26-year-old. "But once I got going I was striking the ball cleanly."

Murray, the reigning Olympic and Wimbledon champion, will face either Italian 20th seed Andreas Seppi or Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan for a place in the quarter-finals.

The Scot leads Seppi 5-1 in their career match-ups, with the Italian's only win coming in their first meeting on grass in Nottingham in 2006.

Murray defeated Istomin, the world number 65, in their only match in the quarter-finals at Brisbane in January

this year.

Berdych and Wawrinka will clash for a spot in the quarter-finals.

Fifth seed Berdych, who defeated five-time winner Roger Federer on his way to the semi-finals last year, eased past French 31st seed Julien Benneteau, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.

Swiss ninth seed Wawrinka, a quarter-finalist in 2010, got past unseeded Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis, the former world number eight but now down at 53 in the world, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (1/7), 7-6 (9/7).

Baghdatis, the 2006 Australian Open runner-up, has now lost all three meetings with Wawrinka.

The bearded Cypriot saved four match points before falling in a big-hitting clash on Louis Armstrong Stadium, which saw a total of 100 winners unleashed.

Berdych hit 36 winners and 11 aces in the contest, which finished six minutes short of two hours.

"It was a bit hot, a bit humid, but otherwise the tennis was good," said Berdych, who has made the quarter-finals at the Australian Open and Wimbledon this year.

"I managed to stay focused from the first point until the last. There were no ups and downs, just took all my chances that I had, and won in straight sets."

Hardy, Jones homer in big 7th, rallies for victory over Yanks



NEW YORK -- J.J. Hardy and Adam Jones each hit a three-run home run in the top of the seventh inning and the Baltimore Orioles rallied for a 7-3 victory over the New York Yankees Sunday afternoon.

The Orioles had been

blanked for 18 straight innings, going 9-for-62 since Nick Markakis had a two-out RBI single in the sixth inning Friday. They had five hits in the first six innings against New York starter Andy Pettitte before getting six in the seventh against four pitchers.

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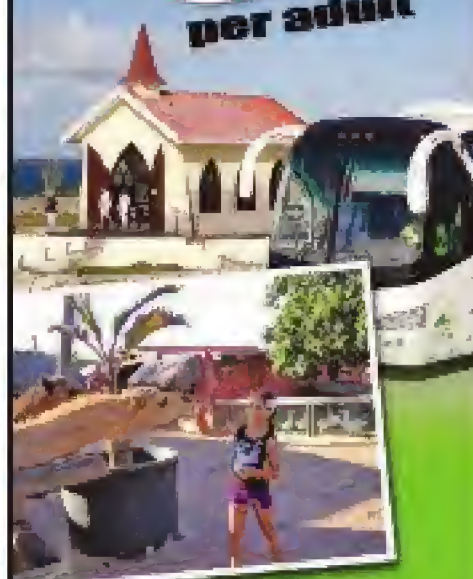
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Serena downs Stephens to reach US Open quarters

NEW YORK (AFP) - Top-ranked defending champion Serena Williams defeated US 15th seed Sloane Stephens 6-4, 6-1 on Sunday to reach the US Open quarter-finals, avenging a loss that ousted her from the 2013 Australian Open.

Williams won eight of the last nine games to advance after 87 minutes to a last-eight matchup against Spanish 18th seed Carla Suarez Navarro, who upset German eighth seed Angelique Kerber 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/3).

"It will be a tough match," Williams said.

Williams, who at 31 could become the oldest US Open women's champion, and Stephens had not played since the 20-year-old prodigy beat the four-time US Open champion 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 in an Australian Open quarter-final last January.

"It definitely felt like a bigger match because Sloane is such a great player, but I had to stay focused in the moment," Williams said. "I just tried the whole time to do what I wanted to, stay calm and stay relaxed."

The Williams-Stephens relationship was strained after Stephens accused the 16-time Grand Slam champion of being disrespectful and using intimidation tactics and mind games with her yells of "Come on," but both women said before the match that soured feelings had been repaired.

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Patriots cut QB Tebow

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Tim Tebow vowed to continue his pursuit of an NFL quarterback job as he was cut Saturday by the New England Patriots as part of their pre-season roster reduction.

Like all NFL teams, the Patriots had until 6pm Eastern time (22:00 GMT) on Saturday to reduce their roster to 53 players and needed to make 12 cuts.

The move wasn't unexpected, since it was never clear just where Tebow might fit in with the Patriots, who are still led by superstar signal-caller Tom Brady.

Brady was backed-up last year by Ryan Mallett as coach Bill Belichick kept just two quarterbacks on his active roster.

On Twitter, Tebow thanked team owner Robert Kraft, Belichick and assistant coach Josh McDaniels "for giving me the opportunity to be a part of such a classy organization."

"I will remain in relentless pursuit of continuing my lifelong dream of being an NFL quarterback," he said -- although his availability had already caught the attention of USA Rugby chief executive Nigel Melville.

"One door closes, an Olympic Rugby door opens for @TimTebow - we should talk about our global game!" Melville tweeted Saturday.

Tebow had joined the Patriots in June and survived a round of cuts earlier this week.

He threw two fourth-quarter touchdown passes in a final audition on Thursday in New England's 28-20 pre-season victory over the New York Giants.



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